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Work for the Next Congress.

The Congress that holds its first session this winter will have a glorious opportunity to distinguish itself. If it improve this opportunity it will deserve, and it will receive, the lasting gratitude of the friends of good government. If it neglect the opportunity it will merit the public's strongest disapprobation. The opportunity to which we refer is that of directing legislation to the reorganization of our Civil Service.

For some years there has been quietly at work in the minds of the people, an idea that the present system of structure and management of the machinery that transacts the public business is, in some way, responsible for many unpleasant and menacing phenomena in our political life. Within a few months this impression has grown into conviction, and, while deepening in force, has widened in area until it has become an article of political belief in the minds of all thoughtful and intelligent citizens. The "Spoils System" had wrenched the instruments of party government from their legitimate office; had substituted selfishness for patriotism; had reared partisan oligarchies and boss-ships; had turned the august senate of the United States into a government employment intelligence office and patronage agency; until, insatiate, with excess of appetite that grew by what it fed on, it could brook no opposition to its purposes, and would rush to the gratification of its lust of power even at the cost of public murder. It was the "Spoils System" that fired Guitan's pistol, and the bullet whistled close to the ears of freedom loving citizens startling them into a realization of danger.

The sentiment in favor of Civil Service Reform, whose development has been wonderfully accelerated by the sad event just mentioned, is constantly growing in public sympathy. The people are investigating more carefully the whole bearing and tendency of the scheme; the press is throwing much light upon the subject and quite generally giving it a generous support; while political platforms are bidding for popular approval in emphatic commendation of its objects. It seems to us that if the next Congress shall take measures in furtherance of the aims of administration reform they may rest assured of a prompt and hearty ratification by the intelligent voters of the nation. Such measures they ought to take, for the conclusions of well considered theories have been so completely confirmed by experience in other governments and in our own, that a failure to take some action looking toward reform will be most naturally explained as unquestionably an avoidance of duty. In such circumstances a representative of the people should not long hesitate what to do. He must come face to face with the issue. The cause is marching on and is sure to win, so that the honesty to the public and to himself which his position imposes upon him, is also of ultimate political advantage. Where men's sense of honor and their ambition both dictate the propriety of certain action, they seldom hesitate to act. We believe that by the time Congress meets both these motives will favor the interests of reform, and we accordingly possess our souls in patience and hope.

A new Incision.

The following cablegram was sent to Minister Lowell, at London, by Secretary Blaine:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—During the past three days the president has periodically experienced a rise in temperature, indicating another obstruction to the flow of pus. A surgical operation was performed at 9 o'clock this morning by Dr. Agnew, assisted by all the surgeons in attendance, by which a free communication between the pus cavities and the surface of the body has been effectually established. The operation was performed under the use of ether. The president endured it well, and at this hour (10:30) is doing well as could be hoped.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday a Western Associated Press agent had a talk with Dr. Bliss about the President. He said that the President was then sleeping; that the surgeons were so far entirely satisfied with the effects of yesterday's operation. He said

the amount of discharge is liberal for the extent of seeping surface. There is not much secretion. All the pus there is comes out now. Of course there is some swelling yet where the new incision was made, and the parts are very sore. This causes irritation, and the fever of the wound is added to by the fever produced by the cutting and the irritation yet existing. Take a well man and make that incision in him and a fever will follow. The swelling of the parts at the opening of the incision tends to close it. They bear together. The parts are so sore that the simple putting in and withdrawing of cotton is painful. The President has picked up a good deal lately. His features look better. That light, pinched expression he had has entirely disappeared, and while he has fallen off a good deal, I think he has lost all the fat he will lose. Everything now points to his recovery, and we do not feel apprehensive about him. By tomorrow the inflammation caused by the incision will subside and his fever will recede.

Drought prevails in India.

The pope continues quite ill.

John Jacob Astor contributed \$2,000 to the Garfield fund.

Passenger trains are to run regularly on the Butler road immediately.

The death of Bradlaugh, the atheist, may make trouble in England.

Senator Conger is "wandering" in the woods of Manitoba in these days of health.

Is Michigan to be represented at the international fair at Vera Cruz Mexico?

The carpenters and joiners are holding a grand National council at Chicago this week.

One hundred and fifty five thousand dollars is the exact amount that has been subscribed to the Garfield fund.

Coldwater and vicinity is breathlessly awaiting the State Firemen's Tournament. The first week in September is the gala time.

The mortality in Chicago last week was the greatest ever recorded in any one week. The number of deaths was 527.

Twenty of the Chinese students at Hartford, recalled by their government, are en route for the flower kingdom via San Francisco. More to follow.

The prospect for corn and wheat crops in Indiana is very discouraging. Corn does not promise one fourth of a crop and late potatoes will not supply the local demand.

Half of the \$5,000,000 needed for the immediate completion of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf road, from Springfield, Mo. to a point opposite Memphis, Tenn., has been supplied by Boston capitalists.

Late advices from London say that Bradlaugh is suffering badly from erysipelas, resulting from the wounds received from the officers in his recent ejection from the House of Commons. He is now confined to his room.

There is nothing new under the sun. Neither is the plan to connect Baltimore and Delaware Bay by means of a ship canal, thus shortening the distance from that city to New York and Liverpool by water 225 miles.

Michigan promises to surpass any western state in its representation at the Yorktown centennial. This is very largely due to the exertions of the Hon. Philo Parsons of this city. Early appointed one of the commissioners by Gov. Croswell, he entered with zeal upon the discharge of his duties, and his enthusiasm and indefatigable presentation of facts to the legislature secured from that body an appropriation which will be used to honor Michigan, and show the interest of its people in the concluding struggle of revolution.—Post & Tribune

Written for The Times.

Georgians Ganson

BY AN OWOSSOAN.

CHAPTER III

Of course there was more or less talk in the community, about the visits of the minister to Ganson's house, but it was some time before any utterances were made by the members of the church, and its immediate society. They were such as circulated on the outskirts of re-

ligious influence, and they scarcely ever reached the minister, or appreciably affected his work. They were on the wings of tobacco smoke in the vicinage of bar-room stoves, or were retailed by some "Ovid Bolus" of the village.

But at last the sacred country was invaded, and the cause of the invader found supporters among those who sat at the Lord's table.

Jeremiah Van Riper—a descendant of a Jersey Dutch family, had a "thorn in the flesh" in the shape of his wife. Jeremiah was a man about five feet seven inches in height, and a trifle less than that in width, or thickness. His head was as bald as Dombey's; his face as red as a June rose, and his abdominal proportions were enormous. When he moved up towards a person, he came slowly like an old Dutch lugger fighting with a headwind. And yet when he arrived, you found that there was no fight in him. He was a kind and cheery soul. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and concerning religious matters he never had a doubt. He slept a good deal of the time, and did good, old fashioned, honest snoring which would not only awaken everybody in the house, but would arouse Van Riper himself. Very often, he would start up soon enough to hear the latter half of one of his snores!

His wife was as thin as a wafer—a regular wind-cutter, a cross-cut saw! She never slept any, and this chiefly because her husband slept a good deal.

She had a friend—Miss Samantha Perkins, spinster, who was a good deal like her. Samantha boasted of some twenty-five "offers," and also boasted of their contemptuous rejection. "The man ain't born, that I'd have!" she was accustomed to say. Some of the wags remarked that they guessed "English was not born," for old Samantha although ten or fifteen years his senior, was seen more than once to put herself in his way, and remind him of the trials of the ministerial vocation, and how it stood in need of special and peculiar sympathy.

But as time wore on, and the "dear pastor as Perkins had been wont to call him, had seemed to consider it more in the way of either his duty or inclination to visit other houses than hers,—she lost the kindness of her tone, and began to give vent to language more natural to her. Birds of evil omen flew from her mouth, and she ran at once to Mrs. Martha Van Riper with her suspicions and suggestions. Martha was always ready and acquiescent.

"Ganson was the one that was anxious to get him here," said Samantha, "and he's the one that's anxious to keep him here, so he can have somebody for him and that proud husky of a daughter of his, to associate with! And they've got him! He goes there ten times where he goes anywhere else once! Yes, the poor can go, and the sick can go, and the unprotected can go, (giving an unconscious emphasis to the word 'unprotected,') but as for Charles English, he can spend his time courting up to Ganson's."

"Yes," answered Mrs. Van Riper, "and that tu, when there's a growin' feelin on the subject of religion! Pretty time for a man to be lookin after a wife, when the blessin's just agoing to be poured out! There ain't much savin and sanctifyin grace, in lookin forard to a weddin! I've been suspecin on it, a long time!"

"And I'll bet you," added Samantha, as soon as mother Van Riper paused for breath, "that that Georgian ain't any better than she ought to be, either!"

The Deacon who sat a little way off in an arm chair; and who had not got fairly started for Nod, stirred a little at the last remark, and without opening his eyes, sluggishly said: "Don't be tu hasty! women!"

"Yes, don't be tu hasty!" retorted his swift tongued spouse. "There ain't no danger of you bein tu hasty! That's good gospel for you to preach! There can't nobody accuse you of not precisin' it!"

But Van Riper had got all ready for his trip, and would not be detained by the fiery criticism of his wife. He had gone—sleep.

Miss Perkins, thinking that possibly he might yet be awake launched a club at him. Looking straight at his wife, with a terrible appearance of unconsciousness of his presence, she said, "I do think it's kind of natural for men to favor mean folks—specially mean women!"

Mrs. Van Riper's chin visited her nose, and as it withdrew, she said, and sighed as she said it. "Experience has been an awful powerful teacher in my case!"

Now if there was one thing in the whole world of which good old Jeremiah Van Riper was wholly innocent, it was any thought favorable or unfavorable of any woman, unless his attention was directly called to it, in some wakeful moment, and then it was always kindly, just as it was toward any person of the male persuasion. If Mrs. Van Riper could thus prevaricate about her husband, whom she knew, how does the reader suppose her tongue dealt with those whom she did not know!

From this point, the stories of mischief widened in the church and society, and there soon began to be a perceptible falling off in interest and attendance. Indeed the superintendent looked in vain for teachers of his classes in the Sunday school.—The seats in the chapel became gradually vacant, and the Rev. Mr. English, (like many another in his place,) soon found that although the harvest might be plentiful, the laborers were few.

He had finally to admit to Deacon Ganson, that his words had proved true, and that he feared that the days of his usefulness in that vineyard were ended.

(To be continued.)

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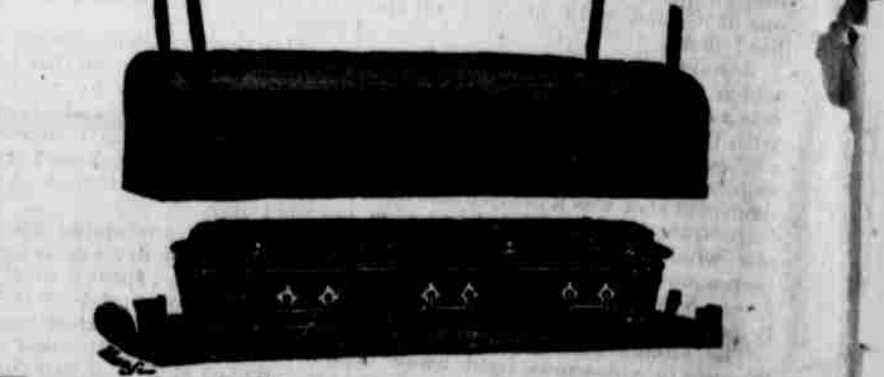
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